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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A homogeneous pharmaceutical composition for topical administration comprising:

at least 5% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of minoxidil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

an acid in an amount to substantially completely solubilise the minoxidil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the acid is a mineral acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, sulphuric acid, nitric acid, and phosphoric acid, or an organic acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid, acetic acid, succinic acid, maleic acid, benzoic acid, lactic acid and mixtures thereof;

a solvent selected from water and/or a lower alcohol;

a co-solvent selected from one or more of the group consisting of aromatic and polyhydric alcohols present in an amount of less than approximately 10% by weight;

wherein the final product of the homogeneous pharmaceutical composition is selected from the group consisting of a solution, lotion, ointment, mousse, a foam that breaks with shear, spray, aerosol, shampoo, conditioner, gel, cream and paste.

2. (previously presented) A homogeneous pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 1, wherein the acid is added in an amount sufficient to provide an apparent pH to the composition of approximately 7.0 or less.

3. (previously presented) A homogeneous pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 1, wherein the minoxidil or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is